उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) नौवीं योजना के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री रोजगार योजना कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत 20 लाख शिक्षित बेरोजगारों को सहायता देने का एक प्रस्ताव तैयार किया गया है। जैसे ही नौवीं योजना के प्रस्तावों को अंतिम रूप दिया जायेगा, लक्ष्यों को निर्धारित कर दिया जायेगा।

(ख) यह मामला प्रस्ताव की अवस्था में है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Job creation under PMRY

961.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to news-item in "Pioneer" dated 12th February, 1997 captioned "States urged to gear up for job creation under PMRY";

(b) the performance of PMRY so far;

(c) the number of beneficiaries who have obtained assistance under PMRY in 1995-96;

(d) whether selection of people under the PMRY leaves much to be desired; and

(e) the steps proposed to streamline this programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item dated 12th February, 1997.

(b) The performance of PMRY is satisfactory so far.

(c) As per the reports from States/UTs during 1995-96 the number of beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans is 2,99,298. Of these, in 199205 cases, disbursement of loan has already taken place.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Improving Yojana implementation is a continuous process. The scheme is reviewed at the district, state and central level from time to time.

Setting up of National Infrastructure Alliance

962. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Infrastructure Alliance (NIA) with private sector participation to shape various policies of Government;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the details of infrastructure industries so identified by Government;

(d) whether it is proposed to finance these industries out of 300 million dollars offered by the IDB; and

(e) if so, the details of investments proposed to be made in various industries in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Government.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Decrease in profits of public and private sector

963. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many public and private sector units face a slide in their profits during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of such public and private sector units;

(c) the reasons for the lower profits in these units; and

(d) the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Since 1991-92 till 1994-95, upto which period audited information is available, there has been constant increase in the ratio of profitability of Central Public Sector Undertakings as a whole, in relation to the capital employed therein. No assessment has been made by the Government on the return on capital employed and profitability thereupon in the private sector.

Jute packing of cement

964. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: